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MORRISON SELLS RETAIL BUSINESS

Retains Wholesale Part Only; O. C. Bean Will Operate Retail Store

E. E. Morrison has sold the retail department of his business to Oscar C. Bean. Mr. Morrison retains the wholesale department and the two firms will operate their business entirely separate. The change is to take effect about the 15th of Dec.

Mr. Morrison will retain the rear end of the present store room which will be used as a warehouse for his wholesale business. He will have his office in the cement building on Third street.

Mr Bean will continue to operate the retail end of the store as at present, carrying the same line of grain, feed, seeds, flour, poultry supplies, etc.

Mr Bean has been with Mr. Morrison for nearly two years and previous to this he had been employed at the flouring mills. He has had much experience in this line of business.

Mr. Morrison for some months past had found that his wholesale business had grown to such an extent that he was unable to give proper attention and time to the retail department. In his wholesale business he will handle only hay, grain, feed, seeds, potatoes, flour, salt, fertilizer, etc.

The new warehouse being erected in Eugene by the Oregon Electric railroad has been leased by Mr. Morrison and he has established a branch house there.

Business Grows Fast

In commenting on the volume of his present business Mr. Morrison recalled the start of his business seven years ago. At first he dealt only in potatoes and the first year's business amounted to about $2500. His first place of business was a small office in the rear of the Commercial State bank. Later he branched out, bought the building where he is now located. He later installed the shipping switch for his plant.

From time to time he has added

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SCOUT TROOP FILLED; BOYS GET INSIGNAS

The Springfield troop of Boy Scouts now has a full membership list. 32 members. These have been divided into four patrols and three have been named as follows: Beaver, Fox, and Bob White. The fourth will be named later.

At a recent meeting of the troop the boys adopted a constitution. Every Tuesday night was set for meeting dates at the Lincoln school. Dues of 25 cents per month were fixed. Unless a good excuse is given a fine of 5 cents is to be assessed for non attendance at the regular meetings

At their last meeting Horace Sykes of Salem was present and gave a lecture, illustrated with lantern slides, on fire prevention.

The folowing boys were present at the investure services and received their Scout insignas, thus becoming actual scouts: Malvern Young, Ralph Cline, Virgil McPherson, Jack Webb, Verl Fegles, John Hutchins, Harold Stewart, and Randolph Allum.

WENDLING MILL BEGAN OPERATING WEDNESDAY

The Booth-Kelly sawmill at Wendling began operating with a full crew Wednesday morning. The mill has been closed for several months for the purpose of making repairs. The mill ran part time Monday and Tuesday to make adjustments.

FUOR L COMMITTEE VISITS BUSINESS MEN OF TOWN

A committee consisting of George Davenport and E. E. Hartung called on every business house last week for the purpose of explaining the work and purposes of the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen. They spent an entire day among the business men, and reported a fair amount of success.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE COMMITTEE MEETS TONIGHT

The exucutive committee and the delegates from all the organizations planning for the community Christmas tree are to meet tonight in the library.

A meeting of the executive committee was held last Sunday afternoon at which time plans were made for financing the community tree.

SCHOOLS TO HAVE BASKETBALL ROOM

Student Body Gives $150 Toward Getting Hall for Atheletics

The high school and the Lincoln school are to have a hall in which to play basketball. The school board has made provision for the remodelling of the old building which previously had been used for manual training. Manual training is now given in the Lincoln school. Work has been started on the building and it is expected to have it ready for the boys to practice in during the holidays.

Agitation by the high school athletes for some place to play in was started some time ago. The first plans for the remodelling of this building were rejected because of the high cost. In view of the possibility of building a new high school in the near future, in which a gymnasium is sure to be a feature, it was decided not to put in any more money in a separate building of this kind. However, plans were altered and lower bids secured. This together with the fact that the high school student body voted to give $150 toward the expense of preparing the building for this use, the school board decided to remodel the old building

The high school teams will use the building in the evenings and the Lincoln school students in the afternoon. The management of the high school ball tossers have started making their arrangements and schedule for games.

NEW SIGNAL FOR FIRE AT MILL OR POWER PLANT

Since the recent fire at the power plant a new fire signal has been arranged to denote fire at either the mill or the power plant. This will be a series of short blasts.

Vollstedt Sells Home To Newcomer

Henry Vollstedt last week sold his home on G street between Sixth and Seventh streets to Mr. and Mrs. T. V. Ogdon. The Ogdons are recent arrivals from Kansas and will make their home here. The Vollstedt family has moved to the corner of Eighth and A streets.

Officers and Teachers Elected For Methodist Sunday School

At he annual meeting for election of officers for the Sunday school at the Methodist church Tuesday night, the following officers were elected:

Sam Bartholomew, superintendent; Oswald Olson, secretary, Joe Deets, assistant secretary; Margaret McElhaney, organist; Dorothy Anderson, assistant organist; Joyce Male, librarian; Mrs. L. K. Page, primary superintendent; Fred Louk, treasurer; Mrs. Batchelder, missionary superintendent; and Mrs. Myers, missionary treasurer.

Practically the same corps of teachers were re-elected. Plans for the Christmas tree were discussed.

EGGIMANN HAS NEW CAR

C. F. Eggimann has purchased a new Dodge delivery car for use in his bakery and candy kitchen.

TUSSING, OF BEND, SAYS GOOD HOMESTEADS LEFT

D. D. Tussing of Bend arrived in Springfield Monday and will take a position with C. E. Lyon. Mr. Tussing formerly worked for Mr. Lyon about five years ago. At present he is stopping at the Lyon home.

Mr. Tussing says both large sawmills at Bend have closed down for the winter and that a large number of people have left Bend.

Contrary to general belief, Mr. Tussing says there are still a few good homesteads open to entry near Bend that are under water. While some of this land is a bit rocky, yet excellent crops can be raised.

He says that there is also a large amount of arid land at a greater distance from Bend that may be homesteaded. This, he says, is good land for an arid country. All ready some ex-service men have taken advantage of the credit given them for the time spent in the army. He explained it thus: One must live on their homestead for 21 months, in three seven month periods, and cultivate and seed at least 40 acres, and build a habitable house. If one served 21 months in the service he would still have to live on his place for at least one month and make the improvements. Or, if he had served fourteen months, more or less, he would have to live on the homestead seven months, or enough time to make the difference between his time in the service and the 21 months.

LEGION TO HAVE IMPORTANT MEETING FRIDAY NIGHT

The regular business meeting of the American Legion, Post No. 40, will be held Friday night, Dec. 10., in the Woodman hall.

There are a number of important matters to come before the legion and it is requested that there be a full attendance of the membership.

After the business session there is to be a "hard-times" party. All ex-service men of Springfield and community are invited to attend, and don't forget to wear your "hard-time" duds.

Invntor of Improved Prune Dryer Visits In Springfield

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dencer of near Salem visited with the Thomas Sikes family in Springfield last Saturday and Sunday. Mr. Dencer came to Eugene to attend a meeting of horticulturists.

Mr. Dencer has invented an improvement for prune driers that is conceeded will be of great value.

THE TATTLER

(Springfield High School)

EDITED BY "SOUP" SIGNOR

This Is It

Si Weber is manager of this year's basketball team. Weber is seriously stricken with the fever, so in order to ease him off, the boys gave him the job of manager. A team will be organized as soon as the hall is finished. Si says he sees bright prospects of a light team. Quite a lot of last year's "dark" team is here for this year's medicine. Although last year was sort of an all round defeat in pill tossing, the boys are all looking forward to a great success this season.

A little scream entitled: "Us Kids Here in School".

Us kids here in school have a time
Afightin' each other and the teachers.
To watch us would be worth a dime
An' better'n settin' in the bleachers.
The frosh is funny little creatures
Who love to spend their hours,
In shootin' paper wads,
And dreamin' castle towers.
An' the sophs—you ought to see 'em;
They're great, no doubt about it.
They crack a joke and look around
To see if it has made a hit.
Juniors wear a "nonothing" mask;
Dress in their Sunday best
Smile and bluff their way
Thru every civics test.
An' the seniors? How dignified they are;
They sure do act their part.
You'd think to look at them, no one
In the world was quite as smart.

—R. Love.

STATE FIRE WARDEN INSPECTS TOWN

Finds Electrical Conditions That Are Dangerous As Fire Hazards

After a complete and thorough inspection of the city, George W. Stokes deputy state fire warden has pronounced the condition of Springfield as regards fire risks and fire protection to be about the average condition, with one exception. He found a number of instances of electrical wiring which were considered as great fire hazards. In one building the lighting connections were entirely severed until corrections had been made.

Mr Stokes spent several days inspecting Springfield and investigated the conditions among the business places, schools, electrical wiring and connections, and the source and supply of the city's water for fire protection.

The law providing for the office of state fire warden was enacted in 1917. The object of the creation of this department was to eliminate, as far as possible, the enormous fire loss of the state. Men who were trained and experienced along the line of fire prevention and protection were selected for the new department.

Mr. Stokes, G. W. Allen, and Horace Sykes, all deputy fire wardens, are making a survey of the conditions in all communities throughout the state. Mr. Stokes examines the conditions as to fire risks and protection in case of fire. Mr. Allen is a specialist in regards to ordinances and measures for the protection against fire, and Mr. Sykes has charge of the educational campaign for fire prevention.

U. S. Fire Loss $350,000.000

Speaking of the fire loss to the country Mr. Stokes said that last year, with no great conflagrations, fire caused a loss of $350,000,000 in the United States. Twenty-three thousand lives were lost and 40,000 people maimed for the remainder of their lives. There were 136,000 residences burned and 40,000 buildings which were supposed to have been fire-proof were destroyed. New construction in the United States amounts to a billion dollars annually said Mr. Stokes, and the loss from fire amounts to nearly a half billion each year.

The work of running down those who commit arson is a very important part of the fire wardens' activities. H. H. Pomeroy heads this department and is considered one of the best investigators in the United States, and has secured a large number of confessions from those who have committed arson. In the three

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The Grandoldope

Last week John Ketels,
That tall, good looking bachelor,
Was arranging his display
Of Christmas Goods.
On a table opposite the fountain,
There was a counter full
Of mirrors.
And John was carefuly
Inspecting these,
Holding them so that the
Fountain was reflected.
At the fountain sat a
Young lady!
She must have thought
He was flirting with her
Because She remained there
All Afternoon.

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We have never seen
Bill H.
Out on the river,
Nor do we know if he can
Swim
But we have seen
Him
Out with a
Lake
Many times lately.
By the way.
Have you seen
Bill dolled up in his new
Derby?

"Doings" of the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen

EXPOSE "B"

Expose "A" met with fairly good success as a contribution to 4L propaganda so I will roll up my sleeve for the task of producting Expose "B". By the time I expose the alphabet I shall have exhausted my vocabulary, but trust the 4L idea will penetrate ivory to the extent of finding sufficient fertility within the gray matter of the lop-sided intellectuals as so gratuitiously dubbed Expose "A" "nothing, but a mess of unadulterated Bull" to take root for the production of a titanic gloma. They deserve harder luck than that. "I'll say they do" after I have placed all my wonderful talent at the disposal of their Publicity Committee.

The public shall know that there are some 4L members who cannot appreciate straight dope from a writer who never has been known to peddle anything second hand or of the hot air variety.

During my sojourn on this little old ball of dirt, I have come in contact with not a few other workers, some, who have no ideas on industry, others, maybe more than a few had their heads so jammed so full of "isms" no one on the outside of the highway could make out heads or tails of their plans for carrying on production. They are strong to progress, but in an intelligent manner bespeaking enlightenment; witness:

"The Vollstadt Act" sounds like it relates to liquor, but it doesn't. This particular piece of 4L legislation now being bombarded to locate its weak spots proposes that, when a 4L member shall be assessed a certain sum to be duplicated by the employers (another fifty-fifty proposition) to create a fund for the use of the deceased's family.

Can you beat it? Where is there an industrial organization of any other brand that has ever dared to breathe of a similar innovation. Imagine the I. W. W. attempting such a stunt when the best they ever have is a "Mulligan" banquet in the jungles for the misguided dupes who they successfully agitate to go on the strike.

The strike is unquestionably the weapon of the stupid and unintelligent. The 4L'rs do not have to trust to heaven and prayers nor resort to the strike to settle disputes as they arise from time to time. 4L control of industry is not a "cut and dried" proposition. Things are adjusted by agreement by those vitally involved and affected by conditions.

Since I have mentioned the I. W. W., compare their method of dealing with industrial problems to that of the 4L. For your convenience I recite a bit of the history of I. W. W. activity in the vicinity. About four years before the war, the P. E. & E. Ry. Co., cut wages two bits a day At the time a number of honest workers thought the cut unwarranted, so they quit; according to their best and mature judgment, the exercise of that right would compel the P. E. & E. Ry. Co. to again place the wages back to the correct rung in the ladder. Immediately professional I. W. W. labor leaders arrived by box car from parts unknown, presumably Portland and declared a "Strike was on". Sabotage would challenge the attention of employers, and the public so tools were stolen

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